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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS  
TO THE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

1. The Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications held 21 meetings during 1955. By mid-year the Subcommittee had completed its second review of the exploitation program giving special attention to (a) the principal exploitation requirements levied upon FDD by the intelligence community; (b) the coverage provided by existing facilities other than FDD and their capacity to fill in whole or in defined parts any additional requirements which would release FDD effort for wider and deeper coverage in other required fields; (c) the pertinence and periodicity of FDD reports; and (d) the manpower allocations in FDD.

The refinement of the FDD program in response to Subcommittee findings and recommendations resulted in the production of 43 periodical reports (Tab A) which have included much unique information needed by the intelligence community.

2. During the year the Subcommittee re-examined and restated its own objectives (Tab B) which had become more clearly seen and defined after the experience afforded by two years of continuous work.

3. At the request of the Advisory Committee a review of the transliteration practices of the IAC agencies was started. As of the end of the year, not all agencies had reported on this matter. It is anticipated that a report will be drawn up early in 1956.

4. In response to a growing need for standardization of Chinese Communist terminology, the Subcommittee established a Working Group to examine this problem. The Working Group completed its assignment during the year and the Subcommittee is now studying its report.

5. A third review of the exploitation program is currently under way for the Sino-Soviet Bloc and exploitation of non-Communist area publications will follow. The objectives of this review are:

a. To determine as precisely as possible the priority needs of the various agencies using the criteria.

(1) The application of requirements to National Intelligence Objectives as outlined in DCID 4/5.

(2) The needs for the same or similar information by several agencies.

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(3) The suitability of available foreign language publications to meet these needs.

b. To determine precisely what needs of the respective agencies cannot be met by existing facilities.

c. To recommend allocation of available manpower so as to satisfy the most urgent requirements of the agencies.

d. To report in detail to the Advisory Committee with recommendations as to how foreign language publications, not now exploited, may be processed for needed intelligence information.

The findings of this review are expected to be completed early in 1956 and will be duly reported.

6. It is recommended that Tab B, the redefined Objectives of the Exploitation Subcommittee, be approved.

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Chairman

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Foreign Language Publications